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March 11, 2014

Chairperson June Price
Kern Valley Indian Council
P.O. Box 1010
Lake Isabella, California 93240

Subject: Tribal Coordination regarding the RE Cinco Solar Project, Cantil, California

Dear Chairperson Price:

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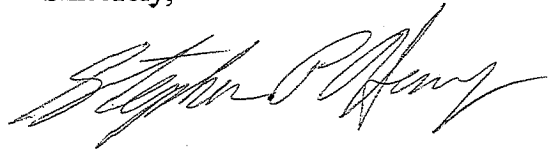
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Weldon, California 93283

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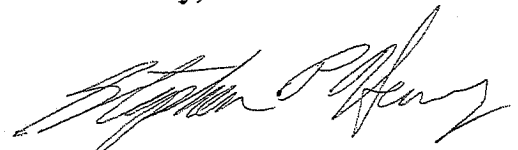
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Owens Valley Career Development Center
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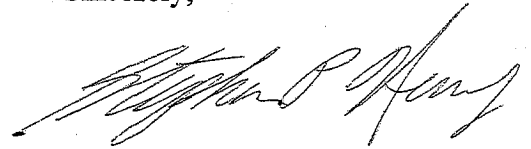
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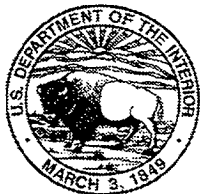
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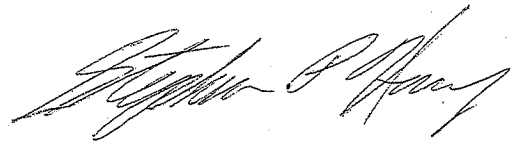
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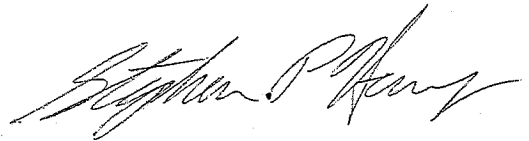
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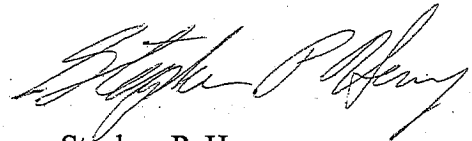
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March 11, 2014

Harold Williams
Kawaiisu Tribe
813 Elm Street
Tehachapi, California 92561

Subject: Tribal Coordination regarding the RE Cinco Solar Project, Cantil, California

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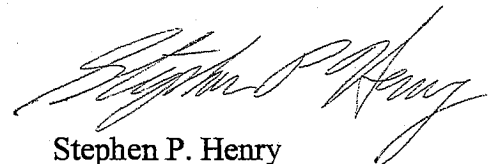
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March 11, 2014

Barbara Durham
Tribal Historic Preservation Officer
Timbi-sha Shoshone Tribe
P.O. Box 1779
Bishop, California 93515

Subject: Tribal Coordination regarding the RE Cinco Solar Project, Cantil, California

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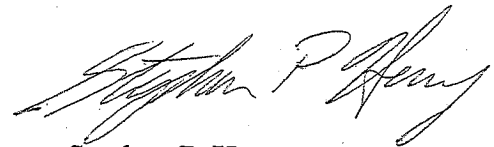
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March 11, 2014

Ann Brierty
Cultural Resources Coordinator
San Manuel Band of Mission Indians
26569 Community Center Drive
Highland, California 92346

Subject: Tribal Coordination regarding the RE Cinco Solar Project, Cantil, California

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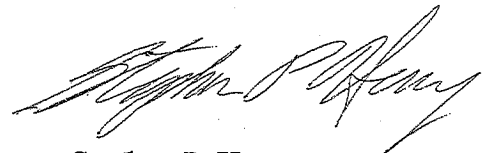
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Cultural Resources Management Department
San Manuel Band of Mission Indians
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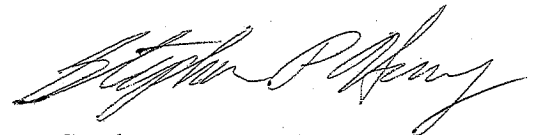
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Melvin Joseph, Environmental Coordinator
Lone Pine Paiute-Shosone Tribe
P.O. Box 747
Lone Pine, California 93545

Subject: Tribal Coordination regarding the RE Cinco Solar Project, Cantil, California

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March 11, 2014

Priscilla Naylor, Cultural Liaison
Fort Independence Band of Paiute Indians
P.O. Box 67
Independence, California 93526

Subject: Tribal Coordination regarding the RE Cinco Solar Project, Cantil, California

Dear Ms. Naylor:

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March 11, 2014

Raymond Andrews
Tribal Historic Preservation Officer
Bishop Paiute Tribe
50 Tu Su Lane
Bishop, California 93514

Subject: Tribal Coordination regarding the RE Cinco Solar Project, Cantil, California

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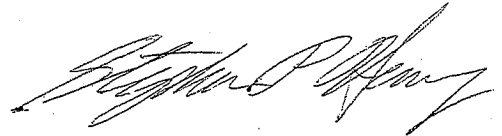
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March 11, 2014

Bill Helmer
Tribal Historic Preservation Officer
Big Pine Paiute Tribe of the Owens Valley
P.O. Box 700
Big Pine, California 93513

Subject: Tribal Coordination regarding the RE Cinco Solar Project, Cantil, California

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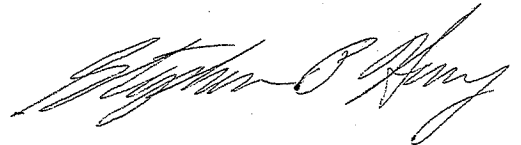
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March 11, 2014

Chairman George Gholson
Timbi-sha Shoshone Tribe
P.O. Box 1779
Bishop, California 93515

Subject: Tribal Coordination regarding the RE Cinco Solar Project, Cantil, California

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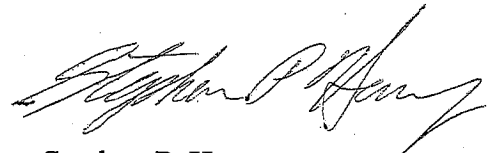
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Chairwoman Carla Rodriguez
San Manuel Band of Mission Indians
26569 Community Center Drive
Highland, California 92346

Subject: Tribal Coordination regarding the RE Cinco Solar Project, Cantil, California

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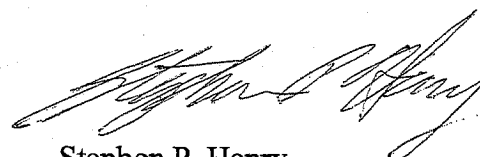
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March 11, 2014

Chairwoman Mary Wuester
Lone Pine Paiute-Shoshone Tribe
P.O. Box 747
Lone Pine, California 93545

Subject: Tribal Coordination regarding the RE Cinco Solar Project, Cantil, California

Dear Chairwoman Wuester:

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March 11, 2014

Chairman Israel Naylor
Fort Independence Band of Paiute Indians
P.O. Box 67
Independence, California 93526

Subject: Tribal Coordination regarding the RE Cinco Solar Project, Cantil, California

Dear Chairman Naylor:

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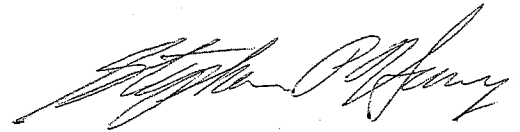
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Chairperson Chad Delgado
Bishop Paiute Tribe
50 Tu Su Lane
Bishop, California 93514

Subject: Tribal Coordination regarding the RE Cinco Solar Project, Cantil, California

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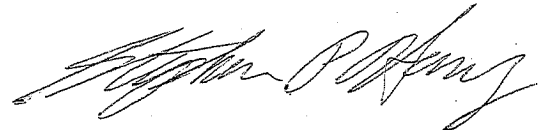
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Chairwoman Genevieve Jones
Big Pine Paiute Tribe of the Owens Valley
P.O. Box 700
Big Pine, California 93513

Subject: Tribal Coordination regarding the RE Cinco Solar Project, Cantil, California

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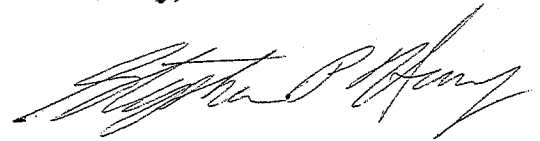
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